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In re the application of:

Hiroshi YABE et al.

Appln. No.: 10/014,521

Group Art Unit: 3613

Filed: December 14, 2001

For: DAMPER ASSEMBLY WITH TORQUE LIMITER

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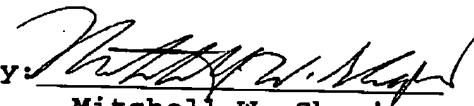
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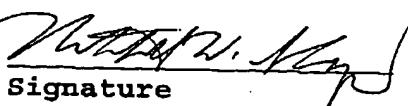
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